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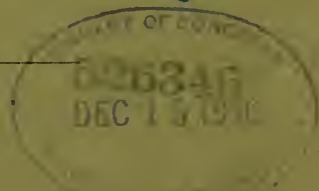
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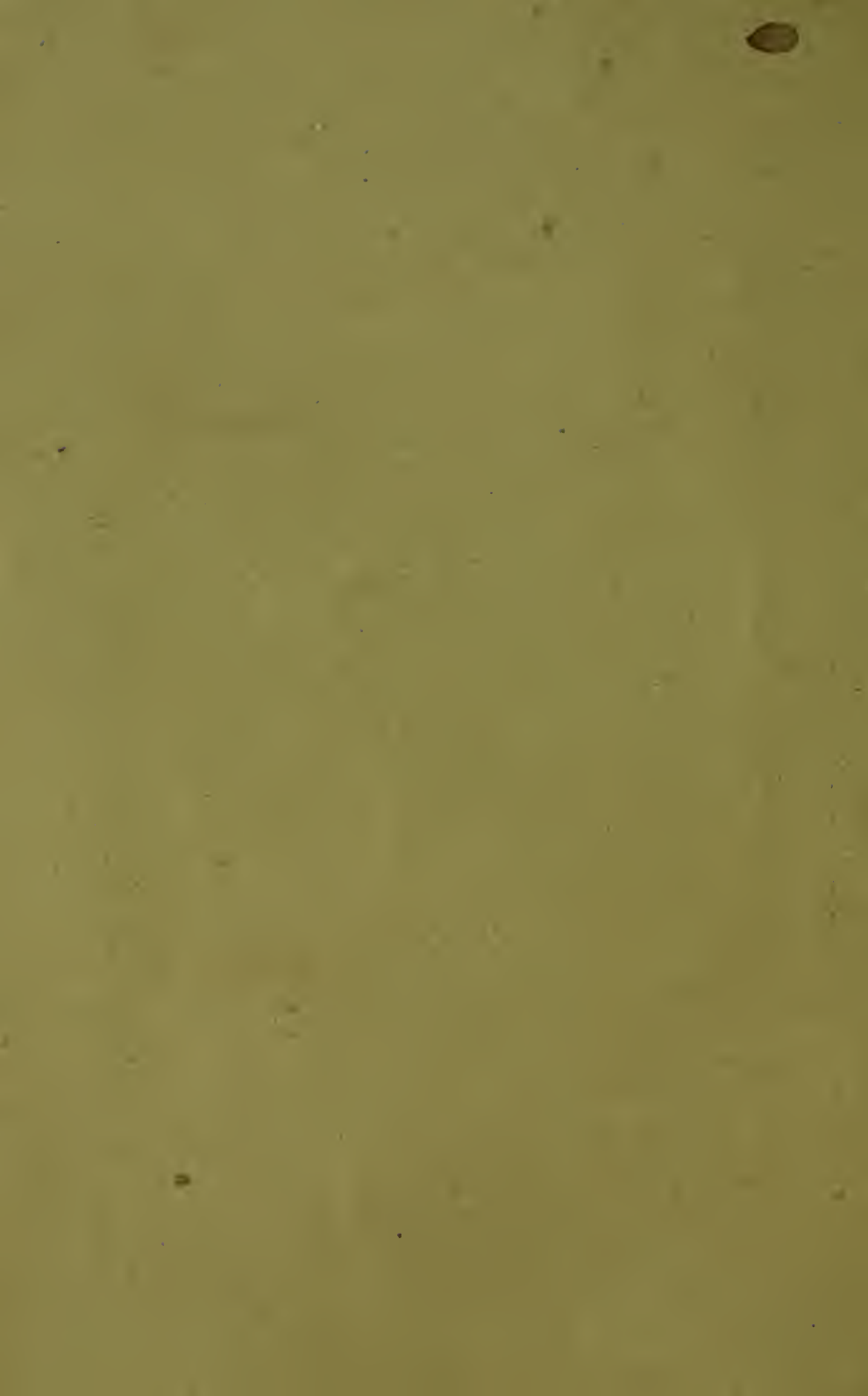
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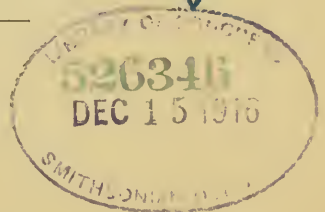
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Officers of the Society.

MILLARD FILLMORE, *President.*

LEWIS F. ALLEN, *Vice President.*

CHAS. D. NORTON, *Recording Secretary.*

GUY H. SALISBURY, *Corr. Secretary and Librarian.*

OLIVER G. STEELE, *Treasurer.*

Councillors.

GEO. R. BABCOCK,

ORSAMUS H. MARSHALL,

WM. DORSHEIMER,

HENRY W. ROGERS,

REV. WM. SHELTON,

NATHAN K. HALL,

REV. WALTER CLARKE,

GEO. W. CLINTON,

REV. G. W. HOSMER.



Buffalo Historical Society.

CONSTITUTION.

1. This Society shall be called "THE BUFFALO HISTORICAL SOCIETY."

2. The general object of the Society shall be to discover, procure and preserve whatever may relate to the history of Western New York in general, and the city of Buffalo in particular, and to gather statistics of the commerce, manufactures, and business of the lake region, and those portions of the West that are intimately connected with the business of Buffalo.

3. The Society shall consist of resident, honorary and corresponding members, who shall be elected by a majority of ballots. Resident members shall consist of persons residing in the city of Buffalo or County of Erie; corresponding and honorary members of persons residing elsewhere.

4. The officers of the Society shall consist of a President, a Vice President, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary and Librarian, a Treasurer, and nine Councillors, who shall be elected annually, on the second Tuesday of January in each year, by a majority of ballots, and who shall constitute the Board of Managers of the Society.

The officers named in the certificate of incorporation of the Society, shall hold their offices until the second Tuesday of January in the year 1864.

5. None but resident members shall be eligible to office or qualified to vote.

6. Resident members shall pay on admission the sum of five dollars, and the further annual sum of five dollars in annual payments, on or before the first day of July in each year.

7. The payment of the sum of fifty dollars, in one payment, shall constitute a life member, and exempt him from all annual dues.

8. The Society shall meet monthly, on the second Tuesday in every month. The President, or, in his absence, the Vice President, or either of the Secretaries, may direct the call of a special meeting in such manner as the By-Laws shall provide.

9. Those members who shall attend at any meeting of the Society, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

10. All officers shall continue in office until their successors are elected or appointed. Their duties, when not herein defined, may be prescribed by the By-Laws. All vacancies in office may be filled for the unexpired term at any regular meeting of the Society.

11. This Constitution may be amended from time to time by a majority vote of the members present at a regular meeting, provided notice of the proposed amendments be given at least one month previous to a final vote thereon.

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BY-LAWS.

1. The meetings of this Society shall be held at the rooms of the Society, or at such other place as the President may appoint, and at such hour as shall be designated by the Secretary in the notice of the meeting.

2. The Recording or Corresponding Secretary shall give notice of each regular meeting, by previous publication of the same in a daily city paper, or by sending notices to the resident members through the post-office, or by delivering the same to them personally, or by leaving them at their respective residences or usual places of business.

3. Any meeting may be adjourned to such time as a majority of the members present shall determine.

4. The President shall preside at all the meetings of the Society, regulate its proceedings, preserve order and decorum, and have a casting vote. He shall be Chairman of the Board of Managers.

5. The Vice President shall discharge all the duties of the President in case of his absence.

6. The Recording Secretary shall have the custody of the Constitution, By-Laws, records and papers of the Society. He shall

give due notice of all its meetings, and keep a record of the same. He shall be Secretary of the Board of Managers, and keep a record of its proceedings.

7. The Corresponding Secretary shall have the custody of all letters and communications of the Society. He shall read to the Society all communications received by him as such Secretary. He shall, under the direction of the Society, prepare all communications to be addressed to others in the name of the Society, and keep true copies of the same.

8. The Librarian, under the direction of the Board of Managers, shall have the custody of the library and cabinet, including all manuscripts, papers, documents, coins and maps, and shall provide cases suitable for their preservation, and for convenient reference and inspection. He shall keep a record of all donations, and report the same from time to time to the Society.

9. The Treasurer shall receive and keep all sums of money due and payable to the Society, including all donations, bequests and other property. He shall keep said funds deposited in some safe institution, to be approved by the Board of Managers, and shall pay all such sums as the Board of Managers shall direct, on the written order or warrant of the President. He shall keep a true account of his receipts and disbursements, and render an annual statement thereof, and oftener if called upon by the Society. He may be required to give security for the faithful discharge of his duties in such sum and form as the Board of Managers shall direct.

10. It shall be the duty of the Board of Managers to control and manage the affairs and funds of the Society. They shall make an annual report to the Society of its acquisitions and transactions for the preceding year.

11. All books, maps, manuscripts, and other articles belonging to the Society, shall be plainly marked with the name of the Society, and numbered, and entered in a catalogue arranged for convenient reference.

12. No books, maps, charts, manuscripts, or copies thereof, or any other article belonging to the library or cabinet, shall be taken therefrom without the written permission of a majority of the Board of Managers.

13. Any of these By-Laws may be suspended in case of a temporary exigency, by the unanimous vote of a meeting duly organized. They may be amended from time to time by a majority vote of the members present at a regular meeting, provided notice of the proposed amendment be given at least one month previous to a final vote thereon.

14. Any member of this Society may be expelled by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the resident members present at a regular meeting, but no such vote shall be taken unless notice of the motion to expel shall have been given at a meeting held at least one month previous thereto.

15. On the second Tuesday of January in each year, there shall be an address delivered before the Society by some person to be appointed by the Board of Managers.

16. At the regular meetings of the Society, the following shall be the order of business:

1. The reading of the minutes of the last meeting.
2. Reports and communications from the officers of this Society.
3. Reports from Committees.
4. Election of members.
5. Miscellaneous business.
6. Papers read and addresses delivered.

Resident Members.

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| Allen, Lewis F. | Glenny, Win. H. | Rochester, Thos. F. |
| Allen, Orlando | Grauger, Warren | Rogers, Henry W. |
| Austin, Stephen G. | Gray, David | Rogers, Sherman S. |
| Babcock, Geo. R. | Greene, Wm. H. | Root, Francis H. |
| Beals, Edward P. | Grosvenor, Seth H. | Rumsey, Aaron |
| Bird, Wm. A. | Guthrie, S. S. | Rumsey, Bronson C. |
| Blossom, Thos. | Hall, Nathan K. | Salisbury, Guy H. |
| Bowen, Dennis | Hall, Wm., Jr., | *Sawin, Silas |
| Brayley, James | Harvey, Alexander W. | Sellstedt, Laurentius G. |
| Breed, F. W. | Hawley, Elias S. | Seymour, Erastus B. |
| Brennan, B. Hazlitt | Hawley, Merwin S. | Sexton, Jason |
| Brown, Geo. V. | Hayes, Geo. E. | Shelton, Wm. |
| Bryan, Geo. J. | Hazard, Edward E. | Shepard, Sidney |
| Bryant, Warren | Hazard, Geo. S. | Shepard, John D. |
| Bull, Absalom | Heacock, Grosvenor W. | Sherman, Richard J. |
| Bulymore Richard | Heywood, R. H. | Sherwood, Wm. C. |
| Burwell, Geo. N. | Hibbard, Geo. B. | Shumway, Horatio |
| Bush, Myron P. | Hodge, Benj. | Sibley, John C. |
| Caryl, B. Clark | Hollister, Robert | Skinner, John B. |
| Chester, A. T. | Hosmer, Geo. W. | Smith, Jas. Murdock |
| Clapp, Almon M. | Howard, Ethan H. | Spaulding, Elbridge G. |
| Clark, John W. | Howard, Rufus L. | Sprague, E. Carlton |
| Clarke, Walter | Hoyt, Jas. G. | Sprague, Noah P. |
| Clinton, Geo. W. | Hudson, John T. | Steele, Oliver G. |
| Coit, Geo., Jr. | Jewett, Elam R. | Stevenson, Edward L. |
| Cornwell, Francis E. | Jewett, Sherman S. | Strong, John C. |
| Dart, Joseph, | Joy, Walter | Taylor, Martin |
| Daw, Henry | Ketchum, Jesse | Thomas, Calvin F. S. |
| Deshler, John G. | Ketchum, Wm. | Thompson, A. Porter |
| Dobbins, David P. | Kimberly, John L. | *Warren, Edward S. |
| Dorr, Eben P. | Lacy, John T. | Warren, Joseph |
| Dorsheimer, Philip | Marshall, Orsamus H. | Watson, Stephen V. R. |
| Dorsheimer, Wm. | Martin, Henry | Welch, Thos. C. |
| Efner, Elijah D. | Miller, Wm. F. | Wells, Chandler J. |
| Emslie, Peter | Morse, David R. | Wells, Richard H. |
| Evans, Chas. W. | Nichols, Asher P. | Wells, Wm. |
| Fargo, Wm. G. | Norton, Chas. D. | Wheeler, Rufus |
| Fillmore, Millard | Parker, Jason | White, Jas. P. |
| Fillmore, Millard P. | Peck, Wm. B. | Wilkeson, John |
| Fish, Silas H. | Porter, Peter A. | Wilkeson, Wm. |
| Fitch, Aug. B. | Pratt, Pascal P. | Williams, Gibson T. |
| Francis, Julius E. | Pratt, Samuel F. | Wilgus, Nathaniel |
| Ganson, John | Prince, Geo. A. | Woodruff, Lauren C. |
| Ganson, Jno. S. | Prosser, Erastus S. | Worthington, Samuel K. |
| Gardner, Jno. N. | Rich, Edward S. | Young, Chas. E. |

*Deceased.

Corresponding Members.*

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| Babcock, Marcus L. . . . | <i>Batavia, N. Y.</i> | McMasters, Guy H. | <i>Bath, N. Y.</i> |
| Barry, Rev. William, | <i>Chicago, Ill.</i> | Merritt, Jediah P. . . | <i>St. Catharines, C. W.</i> |
| Barry, Gen. Wm. F. . . | <i>Washington, D. C.</i> | Moulton, Joseph W. . | <i>Roslyn, L. I., N. Y.</i> |
| Beers, Seth P. | <i>Litchfield, Conn.</i> | O'Callaghan, E. B. . . . | <i>Albany, N. Y.</i> |
| Clark, Joshua V. R. . . . | <i>Manlius, N. Y.</i> | Parkman, Francis, | <i>Boston, Mass.</i> |
| Doty, Lockwood L. | <i>Albany, N. Y.</i> | Porter, Augustus S. . . | <i>Niag. Falls, N. Y.</i> |
| Draper, Lyman C. | <i>Madison, Wis.</i> | Sims, Jephtha, | <i>Fort Plain, N. Y.</i> |
| Durrie, Daniel S. | " " | Smith, Junius A. | <i>Batavia, N. Y.</i> |
| Evans, Ellicott. | <i>Clinton, N. Y.</i> | Storrs, Gen. Lucius, | <i>Homer, N. Y.</i> |
| Foote, Elias T. | <i>New Haven, Conn.</i> | Street, Alfred B. | <i>Albany, N. Y.</i> |
| Goodman, A. T., Sen. . . . | <i>Cleveland, O.</i> | Strong, Nathaniel T. . . . | <i>Irving, N. Y.</i> |
| Huidekoper, Alfred, . . . | <i>Meadville, Pa.</i> | Vinton, Rev. John A. . | <i>So. Boston, Mass.</i> |
| Huntington, Edward, . . . | <i>Rome, N. Y.</i> | Wells, Henry, <i>Aurora, Cayuga Co. N. Y.</i> | |
| Irvine, Wm. A. | <i>Irvine, Pa.</i> | Wendell, Geo. | <i>Mackinac, Mich.</i> |
| James, Jno. H. | <i>Urbana, O.</i> | Willis, William, | <i>Portland, Me.</i> |
| Jarvis, Edward, | <i>Dorchester, Mass.</i> | Woodruff, Maj. Israel C. | <i>Washington, D. C.</i> |
| Kennedy, Jos. C. G. . . | <i>Washington, D. C.</i> | Wright, Rev. Asher P. . | <i>Versailles, N. Y.</i> |
| Kite, Nathan, | <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> | | |

* Those only who have indicated an acceptance of membership, by letter or donations, are included in this list.

Honorary Members.

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| Cass, Lewis, | <i>Detroit, Mich.</i> | Hall, William, Sen. . . | <i>Cleveland, O.</i> |
| Dix, Gen. John A. . . . | <i>New York.</i> | Wool, Gen. John E. . . | <i>Troy, N. Y.</i> |



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